

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008. Claims 5-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 9-12 have been added. Claims 5-8 have been amended. Claims 5-7 and 9 are in independent form. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0009] through [0012] of the present specification. No new matter was introduced as a result of the amendments. Entry of the amendments and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. Enclosed is a One-Month Extension of Time to reply to the Office Action. Please charge deposit account 02-1818 for all fees due in connection with this Response.

Claim 5 was objected to for including the term "only key." In claim 5, the term "only key" has been deleted. In light of the present amendment, Applicant submits the objectionable matter has been addressed. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly requested.

Claim 6 was objected to for including the phrase "the lock key along." In claim 6, the phrase "the lock key along" has been deleted. In light of the present amendment, Applicant submits the objectionable matter has been addressed. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly requested.

Claim 8 was objected to for being dependent on a canceled claim. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 7. In light of the present amendment, Applicant submits the objectionable matter has been addressed. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly requested.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for "the operating mode" having insufficient antecedent basis. The term "the operating mode" has been replaced with "an operating mode." In light of the amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection.

The Office Action of April 1, 2008 rejected claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Martensson (US Patent No. 5,241,583). In light of the amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection.

Regarding independent claims 5 and 7, the Office Action states that Martensson teaches "switching the device to the operating mode only if the only key alone is pressed (e.g., the phone switches to locked mode only the start key alone is pressed); evaluating the pressed "on" key in relation to the one or more pressed keys (the operating mode is based on the proper sequence)." Martensson discloses a dual keystroke method for enabling or disabling a keyboard lock function. However, Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least the limitations of

“evaluating the first duration in relation to the second duration; and switching the device to an operating mode only if the first duration is greater than the second duration by at least a predefined period of time” as currently recited in independent claim 5. Similarly, Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least the limitations of “evaluating the first duration in relation to the second duration, wherein a third duration is defined by the first duration and the second duration, the third duration representing the function key alone being pressed; and activating an associated function if the third duration exceeds a predefined period of time” as currently recited in independent claim 7. Therefore, Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of independent claims 5 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and traverses such rejection.

Regarding independent claim 6, the Office Action states that Martensson teaches “evaluating the pressed lock key in relation to the one or more pressed keys; and canceling the key lock only if the lock key along is pressed (e.g., if the phone is locked the other keys are disabled and therefore the phone lock will only be cancelled if the on/off key alone is the next key to be pressed in the sequence).” However, Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least the limitation of “canceling the lock function when a second duration of pressing the unlock key exceeds the predefined period and no other key is pressed during the second duration within the predefined period” as currently recited in independent claim 6. Therefore, Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of independent claim 6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and traverses such rejection.

Accordingly, Martensson does not teach all of the limitations of independent claims 5-7. Dependent claim 8 depends from independent claim 7, and the Office Action relies on Martensson as the only basis of rejection for this claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is allowable over Martensson.

Regarding new independent claim 9, Applicant asserts that Martensson does not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the limitations of independent claim 9. Dependent claims 10-12 depend from independent claim 9, and Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-12 are thus allowable over Martensson.

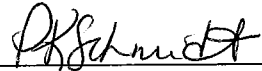
For all the reasons provided above, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner’s reconsideration of the application and the timely allowance of claims 5-12. If the

Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

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